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I

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This information disclosure statement is filed either:

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(1) the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c); or

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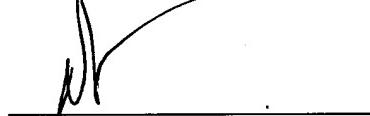
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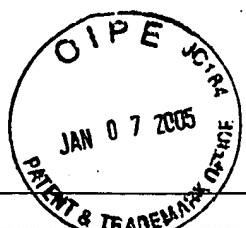
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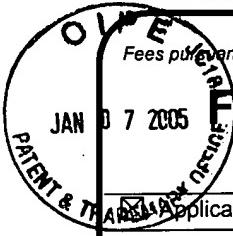
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Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant				Applicant: Bradley Dale Mitchell				
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U.S. Patent Documents								
Init.		Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date	
	A	5,220,822	6/22/1993	Tuma			9/25/1991	
	B	6,009,894	1/4/2000	Trussart			10/23/1998	
	C	6,033,301	3/7/2000	Suwa			10/27/1997	
	D	6,165,272	12/26/2000	Liu			9/18/1998	
	E	6,240,775	6/5/2001	Uramachi et al.			10/27/1998	
	F	6,280,507	8/28/2001	Walker			2/29/2000	
	G	6,350,302	2/26/2002	Hallstead, Sr.			12/31/1998	
	H	6,402,954	6/11/2002	O'Keefe, Jr.			12/1/1997	
	I	6,535,270	3/18/2003	Murayama			3/12/1999	
	J	6,731,371	5/4/2004	Shiraishi			10/18/2000	
Foreign Documents								
Translation								
Init.		Document No.	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Yes	No
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>	
	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 30 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
-20 or HP= _____	x _____	= _____	HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.	50	25	

<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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